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# Seeds of Honey Plants

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Many of the plants included in this our 1943 list are equally valuable for the gardener and the bee-keeper. Few of them are offered by the regular seed trade.

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### **ANISE-HYSSOP or FRAGRANT GIANT HYSSOP (*Agastache anethiodora*)**

Anise-hyssop is a native plant which was much used by the Indian. From it was made a beverage for use as we use tea. It was also used for flavoring other foods and from it was extracted a remedy for colds. It is strange that this plant should have been completely overlooked by our herb gardeners. It is very fragrant and has a long flowering period from June until October. The plant is perennial and worthy of a place in any ornamental garden as well as herb garden. As a bee plant it ranks very high. Pioneer settlers reported fine crops of honey from it. Seed 15c per packet, one-fourth oz. for \$1.00. Plants, six for \$1.00. Postpaid.

### **Yellow spider flower or GOLDEN CLEOME (*Cleome lutea*)**

Golden celome is a native of the southwest, which has too long been overlooked as an ornamental. An annual of easy culture, it grows to a height of six or seven feet and blooms from July until frost with a constantly increasing number of flower clusters. It must have plenty of room. Plants should not be nearer than three or four feet apart. One of the finest of honey plants, attractive to many kinds of insects. 15c per packet. Postpaid.

### **PRICKLY POPPY (*Argemone*)**

The white prickly poppy is a native to the southwest and is a common sight from Kansas to Texas. It is an annual of easy culture and with large white flowers for a long time in summer. The bees are much attracted to this plant for pollen. Seed 15c per packet.

### **SAGE (*Salvia*)**

The garden sage has been cultivated for centuries for its aromatic leaves which are used in flavoring foods. It is a long lived perennial and should be included in every garden. The flowers are attractive to the bees and a high quality honey is gathered from garden sage. Seed 15c per packet. \$1.00 per ounce.

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in water. The abundant pink flowers are very ornamental and last for weeks in mid-summer. It is the source of much good honey in some localities. Seed 15c per packet.

## **PRAIRIE CLOVER** **(*Petalostemon purpurea*)**

A native perennial once common on mid-western prairies. It reaches a height of about two feet with slender stalks and long heads of purple flowers. Attracts bees for both pollen and nectar. A very desirable ornamental for the flower garden. Seed 15c per packet.

## **FIGWORT (*Scrophularia marilandica*)**

Figwort is a never failing attraction to the bees, but its flowers are small and with little attraction as an ornamental. It grows to a height of about five feet and once established in either sun or shade provides rich bee pasture. A perennial which the bee-keeper will do well to plant on waste lands. It had a great boom about fifty years ago under name, "Simpsons Honey Plant." The seed is very small. 15c per packet.

## **WILD SENNA (*Cassia marilandica*)**

An attractive perennial native to the northeastern states. Grows to a height of four feet. Attractive in both foliage and flower. Blooms in July. Brings bumblebees and butterflies. 15c per packet. Post-paid.

## **ASTER**

The asters are the last source of nectar in many localities. We offer several of the most ornamental varieties including New England aster, smooth aster, and arrow leaf aster. All are worthy of a place in any garden. Perennial. 15c per packet.

## **LIATRIS**

Liatris offered an abundant pasture for the settlers' bees where the prairies were opened for homestead. There are several varieties which are wonderful garden flowers as well as bee plants, flowering in mid-summer. The two most showy ones, the Kansas gayfeather and the blazing-star, are what we offer. Perennial. 15c per packet.

## **LESPEDeza**

**Lespedeza bicolor** is a shrubby variety from Japan which blooms very freely in late summer and is very attractive to the bees. Reaching a height of about six feet this one is well suited for screen or hedge. Perennial. 15c per packet.

**Lespedeza daurica** is a new species from Manchuria that is attractive to the bees although the flowering time is short, coming in late summer. It reaches a height of about two feet. Perennial. 15c per packet.



## **BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL**

**(Lotus corniculatus)**

Birdsfoot trefoil is a very drought resistant perennial which is a valuable addition to permanent pastures. In England it is regarded as a valuable bee plant. In this country the bees visit the plant freely but as yet it has not been tried sufficiently to test its value as a source of honey. A very promising new legume which should find a place on the general farm. Blooms very freely in mid-summer and the yellow flowers are very attractive. Three to five pounds of seed plant one acre. 15c packet, one-fourth pound 50c, \$1.50 per lb. Postpaid.

**Seed of any of the above, 15c per packet, or eight packets for one dollar.**

**Any twenty packets for two dollars. Postpaid.**

## **BOOKS**

**AMERICAN HONEY PLANTS** by Frank C. Pellett. This is a book of 420 large pages with 204 illustrations. It is printed on enameled paper and bound in imitation leather. The first book in the English language in its field it covers the plants important to the beekeeper as no other book has ever done. \$3. Postpaid.

**FLOWERS OF THE WILD** by Frank C. Pellett. A book about wild flowers based on thirty years experience with several hundred species. More than 100 photographs and four color plates illustrate the text. Here will be found useful information for insuring success with native plants. Cloth binding 168 pages. \$1 per copy postpaid.

**BIRDS OF THE WILD** by Frank C. Pellett. This book is designed to provide information as to the requirements to be met in attracting wild birds. Nesting sites, feeding stations, watering places and plants to provide food are discussed freely. 128 pages, cloth binding, \$1 postpaid.

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